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PATENT

Docket No. 24180-044007

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:)
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Appln. No.: 08/899,410)
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Filed: July 23, 1997)
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For: **Multi-Layer Thermoplastic**)
Films and Packages Made)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application filed herewith. References AA, AC-AD, AF, AH, AK-AM, AO-AQ, AS-AT, BA, BC-BG, BI-BK, BM-BN, BP, BT, BV, BX-BY, CD, CG-CH, CJ-CM, CO-CY, DA-DD, DF, DI-DP, DR-DV, DX-DZ and EB listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were previously identified in various corresponding U.S. applications; specifically, U.S.S.N. 08/082,226 filed January 24, 1993; 08/683,520 filed May 15, 1995; 08/481,617 filed January 7, 1995; 08/488,151 filed January 7, 1995; 08/484,561 filed June 7, 1995; 08/481,685 filed June 7, 1995;; 08/899,410 filed July 23, 1997; 08/932,037 filed September 17, 1997; 09/006,700 filed January 14, 1998; 09/369,980 filed July 30, 1999 and 09/369,978 filed July 30, 1000; and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of

references. Copies of new cited references AB, AE, AG, AI-AJ, AN, AR, AU-AZ, BB, BH, BL, BO, BQ-BS, BU, BW, BZ-CC, CE-CF, CI, CN, CZ, DE, DG-DH, DQ, DW, EA and EC are enclosed herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

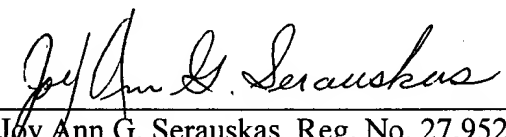
Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any reference or other art, including the disclosures of those references and other information discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

The citation of the above documents and other information is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information. An interference (#105092) was declared between U.S. Patent 6,437,064 and U.S. Serial Nos. 09/583,654 and 08/996,367.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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